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In re Patent No. 7,616,860 : DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
Glassman et al. : RECONSIDERATION OF
Issue Date: November 10, 2009 : PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT AND
Application No. 10/815,016 : NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE
Filed: March 31, 2004 : CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
Atty. Docket No. SONY-06700 :

This is a decision on the petition filed on December 16, 2009, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.705(d) requesting reconsideration of the patent term adjustment calculation.

The request for reconsideration of the patent term adjustment calculation is **GRANTED to the extent indicated herein**. The term of the above-identified patent is extended or adjusted by **one thousand eighty-seven (1087) days**.

On December 16, 2009, patentee submitted a petition under 37 CFR 1.705(d) and fee. On May 6, 2010, patentee filed a Request for Recalculation of Patent Term Adjustment in View of Wyeth. On May 11, 2010, the Office mailed a decision granting the petition under 37 CFR 1.705(d) to the extent that a certificate of correction would be issued indicating that the term of the patent was extended or adjusted by 887 days. On May 18, 2010, the Office mailed a "DECISION ON REQUEST FOR RECALCULATION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT IN VIEW OF WYETH AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO

ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION" indicating that the patent term adjustment had been determined to be 1055 days.

The Office notes that the decisions of May 11, 2010 and May 18, 2010, were issued in error as they accorded patentee less days of patent term adjustment than were warranted. Accordingly, the decisions of May 11, 2010 and May 18, 2010, are withdrawn. The present decision supersedes the decisions mailed on May 11, 2010 and May 18, 2010.

Patentee acknowledges 955 days of delay under 37 CFR 1.702(b), 34 days of applicant delay, and a period of overlap between A delay and B delay. However, patentee incorrectly calculated A delay, B delay and the overlapping period.

As to A delay, it is noted that the Office was incorrectly assessed a period of delay of 43 days, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.702(a)(2), for failure to respond to an appeal taken under 35 U.S.C. 134 not later than four months after the date on which the reply was filed or the appeal was taken.

The phrase the date on which "an appeal was taken" in 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(i)(A)(ii) means the date on which an appeal brief (and not a notice of appeal) was filed. The phrase "appeal brief in compliance with 37 CFR 1.192" requires that: (i) the appeal brief fee (37 CFR 1.17(c)) be paid (37 CFR 1.192(a)); and (2) the appeal brief complies with 37 CFR 1.192(c)(i) through (c)(9). Accordingly, 37 CFR 1.703(a)(4) pertains to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(i)(A)(ii) and specifies that the period of adjustment for Office delay includes the number of days, if any, in the period beginning on the day after the date that is four months after the date an appeal brief in compliance with § 1.192 was filed and ending on the date of mailing of any of an examiner's answer under § 1.193, an action under 35 U.S.C. 132, or a notice of allowance under 35 U.S.C. 151, whichever occurs first.

In this instance, an appeal brief was filed on November 18, 2008. On December 10, 2008, a notification of non-compliant appeal brief was mailed. On December 15, 2008, a corrected appeal brief was filed. On April 30, 2009, a notice of allowance was mailed 4 months and 15 days after the date the

appeal brief in compliance with 37 CFR 1.192 was filed. Thus, a period of adjustment for Office delay pursuant to 37 CFR 1.703(a)(4) of 15 days (not 43 days) is warranted. Accordingly, A delay is 528 days (427 + 86 + 15).

As to B delay, 37 CFR 1.703(b) indicates that the period of adjustment under 37 CFR 1.702(b) ("over three year period") is the number of days, if any, in the period beginning on the day after the date that is three years after the actual filing date of the application and ending on the date a patent was issued. 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(B). However, 37 CFR 1.703(b) also sets forth the limitations on patent term adjustment specified in 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(B)(i) and (ii). Specifically, 37 CFR 1.703(b)(4)¹ provides that the period of adjustment of the term of a patent shall not include the period equal to the sum of the period of pendency consumed by appellate review under 35 U.S.C. 134, 141, 145, whether successful or unsuccessful (35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(B)(ii)).

The Office agrees with patentee that the "over three year period" is 955 days. However, patentee failed to account for the filing of the notices of appeal on July 12, 2007, and October 21, 2008. The Office reminds patentee that the period consumed by appellate review, whether successful or not, is excluded from the calculation of B delay. See 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(B)(ii). In this instance, the total period consumed by appellate review is 347 days (155 days beginning on the date on which the first notice of appeal was filed, July 12, 2007, and ending on the date of the mailing of the non-final Office action, December 13, 2007, plus 192 days beginning on the date on which the second notice of appeal was filed, October 21, 2008, and ending on the date of the mailing of the notice of allowance, April 30, 2009). Thus, B delay is 608 days (955 - 347). Furthermore, the overlapping period between A delay and B delay is 15 days (not 129 days).

¹ The number of days, if any, in the period beginning on the date on which a notice of appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences was filed under 35 U.S.C. 134 and § 41.31 of this title and ending on the date of the last decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences or by a Federal court in an appeal under 35 U.S.C. 141 or a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 145, or on the date of mailing of either an action under 35 U.S.C. 132, or a notice of allowance under 35 U.S.C. 151, **whichever occurs first, if the appeal did not result in a decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.** 37 CFR 1.703(b) (emphasis added).

Accordingly, the Office has determined that the patent term adjustment for the above identified patent is 1087 days (528 days of A delay + 608 days of B delay - 15 days of overlap - 34 days of applicant delay).

The Office will *sua sponte* issue a certificate of correction. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.322, the Office will not issue a certificate of correction without first providing assignee or patentee an opportunity to be heard. Accordingly, patentee is given **one (1) month or thirty (30) days**, whichever is longer, from the mail date of this decision to respond. No extensions of time will be granted under § 1.136.

The Office acknowledges the previous submission of the \$200.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(e). No additional fee is due.

This matter is being referred to the Certificates of Correction Branch for issuance of a certificate of correction. The Office will issue a certificate of correction indicating that the term of the above-identified patent is extended or adjusted by **one thousand eighty-seven (1087) days**.

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3211.

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Enclosure: Copy of DRAFT Certificate of Correction and Copy of Revised PAIR screen

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CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

PATENT: 7,616,860 B2
DATED: Nov. 10, 2009
INVENTOR(S): Glassman et al.

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

On the cover page,

[*] Notice: Subject to any disclaimer, the term of this patent is extended or adjusted under 35 USC 154(b) by 921 days

Delete the phrase "by 921 days" and insert – by 1087 days--

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PTA Calculations for Application: 10/815016

Application Filing Date:	03/31/2004	PTO Delay (PTO):	1123
Issue Date of Patent:	11/10/2009	Three Years:	0
Pre-Issue Petitions:	0	Applicant Delay (APPL):	34
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